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Arizona Department of Public Safety Arrests California Man Accused of Kidnapping his Children

On June 18, 2008, at approximately 11:14 p.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer ran a registration check on a vehicle traveling southbound on State Route 51 in Phoenix. The vehicle came back stolen. A short time later the vehicle was stopped. The male driver and the female passenger identified as his sister were both arrested. Two children, ages 2 and 9, were also in the vehicle. Through interviews with the Corona California Police Department it was learned the children had been abducted by their father who was the driver of the vehicle. The investigation also showed the mother of the children and her boyfriend had been kidnapped and assaulted by the father earlier that day. The driver indicated he was taking the children to Mexico and had stolen the vehicle and money from the children's mother.

The driver and passenger were booked for possession of a stolen vehicle and a hold was placed on them out of California for the abduction charges. The children were released to Child Protective Services.

Arrested: Cresencio Solano, 25, of Corona, California Booked for Theft of means of Transportation

(Solano's sister was also arrested and booked for Theft of means of Transportation)

"This is another example of the excellent police work performed everyday by DPS Highway Patrol Officers throughout the state. My congratulations to them for making this arrest and helping ensure the safety of the two children," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.